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AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE MARINE PROTECTION, RESEARCH, AND SANCTUARIES ACT

MAY 16, 1983.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1282]

The Committee on Environment and Public Works, reports an original bill (S. 1282), to extend titles I and II of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, as amended and recommends that the bill do pass.

GENERAL STATEMENT

Title I of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act regulates the disposal of a variety of wastes in the ocean. The funds authorized will be utilized by the Environmental Protection Agency in the identification and designation of suitable ocean disposal sites, issuance of permits for ocean disposal, and the establishment and implementation of plans to phase out the disposal of waste which will unreasonably degrade the ocean environment.

Consistent with the policy adopted by the Committee in the 1983 report to the Budget Committee, title II of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act is reauthorized at the fiscal year 1982 level of $12,000,000. The bill makes no substantive changes in the law.

HEARINGS

No hearings were held on this bill.

ROLLCALL VOTES

During the Committee's consideration on this bill there was one rollcall vote. The Committee ordered the bill reported by a vote of 14 to 0.

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Evaluation of Regulatory Import

Section 11(b) of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate requires the Committee to evaluate the regulatory impact of the reported bill.

This bill will impose no new regulatory burden.

Cost of Legislation

Section 403 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act requires each report to contain a statement of the cost of the reported bill prepared by the Congressional Budget Office. That statement follows:

U.S. Congress,
Congressional Budget Office,
Washington, D.C., May 12, 1983.

Hon. Robert T. Stafford,
Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works, U.S. Senate, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chairman: Pursuant to Section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Congressional Budget Office has prepared the attached cost estimate for a bill to extend titles I and II of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, as amended.

Should the Committee so desire, we would be pleased to provide further details on this estimate.

Sincerely,

Alice M. Rivlin, *Director.*

Congressional Budget Office

Cost Estimate

1. Bill number: Not yet assigned.
2. Bill title: A bill to extend titles I and II of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, as amended.
3. Bill status: As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, May 10, 1983.
4. Bill purpose: This bill authorizes the appropriation of $15.6 million for fiscal year 1984 for activities authorized by the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, as amended, related to ocean dumping. Of this amount, $3.6 million is for permitting, enforcement, and regulatory activities, primarily by the Environmental Protection Agency, and $12.0 million is for research performed under the Department of Commerce related to the long-term effects of ocean dumping and other human-induced alterations to ocean ecosystems.

5. Estimated cost to the Federal Government:

	Millions
Authorization level:	
Fiscal year:	
1984	$15.6
1985	-----
1986	-----
1987	-----
1988	-----
Estimated outlays:	
Fiscal year:	
1984	11.0
1985	4.4
1986	.2
1987	-----
1988	-----

The costs of this bill fall within budget function 300.

Basis of Estimate: For purposes of this estimate, the full amount authorized by the bill is assumed to be appropriated prior to fiscal year 1984. Outlays are estimated based on historical spending patterns for these programs.

6. Estimated cost to State and local governments: None.
7. Estimate comparison: None.
8. Previous CBO estimate: None.
9. Estimate prepared by: Anne E. Hoffman.
10. Estimate approved by:

C. G. NUCKOLS,
(For James L. Blum,
Assistant Director for Budget Analysis).

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In the opinion of the Committee it is necessary to dispense with the requirement of Section (12) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate in order to expedite the business of the Senate.

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